

March 17, 2021

VIA EMAIL

Mr. Brent Czarnecki
Law Department
Manitoba Hydro
22nd Floor – 360 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0G8

Dear Mr. Czarnecki:

**Re: Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. (“Centra »)
Review and Vary Application – Directive 3(c) of Order 130/20**

Decision

In this Letter Decision the Public Utilities Board (“Board”) grants Centra’s request to Review and Vary Directive 3(c) of Order 130/20 such that the deadline for the provision of Atrium Economics L.L.C.’s (“Atrium”) report to Centra is now April 7, 2021.

The Board recognizes that the report, now to be filed with Centra on or before April 7, 2021, will not be Atrium’s final report but will contain interim findings and recommendations. However, with Atrium’s interim findings and recommendations Centra is required to correspond with the Board by April 9, 2021 to advise as to the status of Atrium’s final report as well as the expected time required by Centra to complete its internal evaluation and finalize the Cost of Service Study (“COSS”) Methodology Review Application which is required to be filed with the Board by May 3, 2021.

Background

Board Order 130/20 established deadlines for the completion of steps in the process for preparing Centra’s COSS Methodology Review. Included, as Directive 3(c), was a March 15, 2021 deadline for Centra’s independent consultant to provide its final report to Centra.

By letter dated March 11, 2021 Centra requested the Board vary Atrium’s March 15, 2021 deadline to April 7, 2021. Centra advised Atrium would not be in a position to provide its completed report by March 15, 2021 but would be able to provide its interim findings and recommendations to Centra by April 7, 2021. The changed deadline was

requested for Atrium to complete its independent review of Centra's COSS in a fulsome and complete manner. In addition to the requested variance of Atrium's deadline, Centra also undertook to provide the Board, soon after receipt of Atrium's initial findings and recommendations, with a status update of the Atrium final report and Centra's expected time to perform its internal review and prepare a complete COSS Methodology Review Application.

Conclusion

For the reasons indicated above, the Board grants Centra's request to change Atrium's March 15, 2021 deadline to April 7, 2021. Centra is to provide a status update to the Board by April 9, 2021.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R McMillin".

Rachel McMillin
Assistant Associate Secretary

RM/ks

cc: Shannon Gregorashuk / Darryl Martin, Manitoba Hydro
Bob Peters / Dayna Steinfeld / Kate Hart, Board Counsel
Brady Ryall, Board Advisor
Past Interveners of Recor